

THE RANKIN NEWS

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1950

PTA Officers Installed At Final Meeting Tuesday

The last regular meeting for this year was held by the Katharine Secrest PTA Tuesday night at the High School auditorium. Mrs. Ralph Daugherty opened the meeting with prayer. The outgoing president, Mrs. D. O. McEwen, gave her annual report and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff presented the auditor's report.

Mrs. McEwen presented a State Membership Certificate to Mrs. Walton Harral in recognition of outstanding service. Mrs. Harral had been selected by ballot of the association to receive this certificate. She is a former president of the Pecos-Upton County Council and was elected Vice President of the PTA at the Spring Conference at Ozona. She has been a faithful worker in many offices and many committees connected with PTA for a number of years and well-deserving of the honor conferred upon her Tuesday night.

Mrs. Harral has four daughters at the Rankin public schools. A past-president's pin was presented to Mrs. McEwen by Vice-president Mrs. D. S. Anderson. The incoming officers were installed by Mrs. Tyson Midkiff during the "Oak Tree Ceremony." Mrs. Midkiff installed the following: Mrs. Campbell White, president; Mrs. D. S. Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. G. C. Fitzgerald, second vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Pollard, third vice-president; Mrs. Carl Keyes, secretary; Mrs. Sam Holmes, treasurer; Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Historian.

Mrs. Walton Harral, Parliamentarian.

Don Cochran sang "Trees" at the close of the installation proceedings. Mrs. Daugherty presented the children of the two first and two second grades who, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. H. O. Shiller, Mrs. Margery Miller, Mrs. Ruth Donnellson and Mrs. A. E. Ivy, entertained the crowded auditorium with a most charming performance.

The winding of the Maypole and the accompanying playlet was interspersed with numerous dances and vocal numbers with all the children in lovely costume. Much praise was heard for the children's presentation and the work of the teachers who directed the entertainment.

E. L. Hines To Visit Before Leaving For New Mexico Home

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hines and daughter, Bette, left Sunday for a two-weeks' visit in Louisiana prior to moving to New Mexico. The Hines have been in Rankin for some time; he being with the Hewley Drilling Co and Bette has been employed at the First State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Bryon of Big Lake visited their mother, Mrs. J. W. O'Bryon, Tuesday. Mrs. George Weir of Hobbs, N. M., has also been a recent visitor in the home of her mother, Mrs. O'Bryon.



WOMEN IN ACTION — Petite Margaret Montgomery of Ozona proves that women of the west can do more than look lovely. Margaret, president of the Girls' Rodeo Association of America, is equally at home on the hurricane deck of a broncho as in front of her typewriter transacting Association business. She, and scores of other top performers, will be in Fort Stockton, May 12, 13 and 14 for the three-day annual All-Girl Rodeo, sponsored by the Pecos County Sheriff's Posse.

Joy Ward To Enter State Library Event

Supt. and Mrs. Hamilton Still and son, David, accompanied by Joy Ward and Jean Shaw, left Thursday to spend a few days in Austin.

While in Austin, Mrs. Still, who is librarian of the Rankin Library, will confer with the State Librarian in connection with her work here and Joy will enter the State Interscholastic Literary events.

Mrs. Still reported on leaving for Austin that a total of 637 books have been donated to the local library to date. The library is being founded under the sponsorship of the Rankin Study Club, assisted by committee members from the PTA and the B&PW Club.

Sylvester Tension Dies In Daughter's Home In McCamey

The body of Sylvester Hardy Tension, 61, of Henrietta, Okla., who died Tuesday morning at the home of a daughter in McCamey, was sent to Oklahoma Tuesday for final rites.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Henrietta. Mr. Tension, a native of Springfield, Mo., had lived at Iraan for 11 years before moving to Oklahoma.

He is survived by the widow; five sons, Lue V. Tension, Crane; L. S. (Dude), Grover, and H. E. Tension, all of McCamey; and Clifford of Henrietta, Okla., three daughters, Mrs. Willard McDaniell, Bakersfield; Mrs. C. L. Dunham, at whose home he died in McCamey; and Mrs. Lester Corner, Morris, Oklahoma. Three brothers also survive. They are Charlie and Bud of Boynton, Okla., and Bane Tension of Haskell, Okla.

NEW BANK EMPLOYEE

Mrs. Campbell White is a new employee at the First State Bank. Mrs. Clay Taylor is visiting relatives in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Price and the David Workman family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Price in Cisco.

Dunn Lowery and Clay Taylor spent Wednesday and Thursday in Austin on business.

Mr. W. J. Cox of Comanche is visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ross Wheeler. He has recently visited in the home of another daughter in Odessa.

LIBRARY OPENING PLANNED ABOUT JUNE 1; MEMORIAL SHELF IN MAKING

"When I consider what some books have done for the world, and what they are doing, how they keep up our hope, awaken new faith and courage, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose hours are cold and hard, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truth from Heaven; I give eternal blessings for this gift, and thank God for books."—James Freeman Clarke, Historian.

The Memorial Shelf is being opened in the Upton County Library at Rankin during May; the month when we observe Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Every day of the year is in fact a "memorial day" for each of us and there is no finer way to make a dedication to the memory of those we love who have gone on than to place on the shelves of a public library a good book in their memory.

A number have already made memorial book contributions to Rankin's fine new library. The Rankin Study Club is now planning a formal opening near June 1 and a part of the library furnishings are now being installed. Mrs. Still, librarian, has been accepting and cataloging books for a number of weeks and the library will be operated on a standard complying with state rules and regulations.

Donated by Mrs. Clay Taylor:
Quo Vadis, Henry Sienkiewicz.
Travelers' Tales, Jay DuBois.
Les Miserables, Victor Hugo.
The Best Known Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne.
Seven French Novels, edited by Cameron Hyde.
The Best Known Works of Ivan Turgenev.
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte.
Great Novels of Anatole France.
Living Biographies of Famous Novelists.

Upton League Play Opens With High Scoring Games

The expanded City Softball League play got underway this week with lopsided scores highlighting the play.

West Texas Utilities and Texas Natural Gas from the Benedum Field opened the seasons play Monday night with a slugfest that saw the WTU team come out on the long end of 22-17 score. In the second game, TP opened their big guns as they pounded out a 27-5 win over Recreation.

Tuesday night, Shell and Rio Pecos played a tight game, with Shell coming from behind with a six run rally in the fifth to take a 7-5 contest. In the second tilt, Jesses Messes found themselves knotted with Rankin 9-9 in the top half of the seventh, but chased in the winning run in the last half of the frame.

Humble showed lots of power, and good pitching as they shut-out the Crane Pipe Line entry 15-0 Wednesday night, while Texas Natural Gas came back from their first loss to romp over the Recreation 15-2.

The games of the league are played Monday through Thursdays each week at the McCamey Softball Park.

Next Week's Schedule

- MAY 8—Humble vs. Rankin; Rio Pecos vs. Crane
 - MAY 9—T. P. vs. Jess Russell; WTU vs. Recreation
 - MAY 10—Crane vs. Rankin; Shell vs. Humble
 - MAY 11—Rio Pecos vs. Tex. Nat. Gas; Recreation vs. Jess Russell
- Monday**
TP 27, Recreation 5.
WTU 22, Texas Nat. Gas 17.
- Tuesday**
Jesses Messes 10, Rankin 9.
Shell 7, Rio Pecos 5.
- Wednesday**
Humble 17, Crane 0.
Texas Nat. Gas 15, Recreation 2.

The Origin of Species, Charles Darwin.
The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Edward Gibbon.
The Best Known Works of Voltaire.
Essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Dinner at Antoine's, Frances P. Keyes.
Bright Leaf, Foster Fitzsimmons.
Ole Mrs. Camelot, Emory Bonnett.
Great Modern Reading, Somerset W. Maugham.
Beside Book of Famous French Stories, Belle Becker.
America Unlimited, Johnston.
Laura, Caspary.
Mock Honeymoon, Ruck.
Another Claudia, Franken.
Mother, Norris.
Friends and Lovers, McInnes.
In Bed We Cry, Chase.
Prize Stories of 1943, Brickell.

Donated by Mrs. Odessa Edwards:
Earth and High Heaven, G. Graham.
The Gauntlet, James Street.
Image of Josephine, Booth Tarkington.
The Exile, Pearl S. Buck.
David The King, Gladys Schmitt.
Fighting Soul, Pearl S. Buck.
Pavilion of Women, Pearl S. Buck.
The Emperor's Physician, J. R. Perkins.
Kate Fennigate, Booth Tarkington.
Fair Is Our Land, Samuel Chamberlain.
The Queen's Physician, Edgar Maass.
Wild Orchard, Isabel Dick.
Behold The King, Florence Bauer.
Vain Shadow, Hartzell Spence.

B&PW Club Honor Civics Class At Dinner Thursday

The Rankin High School Civics Class and families of members were guests when the Business & Professional Women's Club gave a covered dish dinner at the Park Building Thursday night. Approximately 60 attended.

Dinner was served buffet and tables in the club room were centered with bowls of spring flowers. The hostess committee for the occasion was composed of Ann Clark, Almer Adams and Zona Boggs.

The civics class and their instructors, Mr. G. C. Fitzgerald and Mr. Stewart, were especially recognized by President Lela Workman for time and effort expended in aiding the club in its sanitation project for the year.

The next meeting of Rankin's B&PW will be at noon luncheon on May 11, at which time officers for 1950-51 will be elected.

Grace Roach Replaces Mrs. Tom Workman As Red Cross Secretary

Miss Grace Roach has assumed the secretary and treasurer's duties for the Rankin Branch of the American Red Cross. She replaces Mrs. Tom Workman, who resigned as of May 1 after having served the Red Cross in Rankin as secretary, treasurer and caseworker for more than 15 years.

L. Porter Johnsons, Mrs. John Christy Visit Over Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. L. Porter Johnson visited relatives in Hamlin Sunday and Mrs. John D. Christy, who accompanied them as far as Roscoe, spent the day with Miss Margaret Worthy, former Rankin teacher.

Texaco and T-NMPLC Honor Veteran Employees



Fifteen veteran employees of the producing department of the Texas Company and of its affiliate, the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company were honored Friday night at the annual "Old-timers' Service Award Banquet" at the West Texas-New Mexico headquarters of both concerns.

The affair was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Harbauer in Midland. Gold patches, symbolizing completion of 30 years of service were awarded to 10 of the honorees. Diamond-set gold lapel buttons, denoting 25 years of service to the other five.

The awards to the Texaco employees were presented by C. B. Williams of Fort Worth, division manager for that company. J. T. Baker, Midland, district general manager of Houston, vice president and assistant general manager of

the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company presented the service awards to employees of that concern.

The 30-year men are shown in the two top rows. They are top row, left to right, J. N. Hazle, Snyder, drilling foreman, Snyder area; S. W. Boatman, Notrees, production foreman, TXL field; T. P. (Red) Drew, Midland, district superintendent; George W. Herring, Midland, right-of-way agent and scout for T-NMPLC; J. C. Lambley, Crane, gang-pusher for T-NMPLC. Bottom row, left to right, R. E. Coleman, Goldsmith, production foreman, Anderson field; N. F. Anderson, North Cowden production foreman, North Cowden field; L. I. Baker, Midland, district gas department superintendent; W. A. Walker, Fredericksburg, with T-NMPLC, and M. C. Peck, Midland district chief clerk.

The lower row shows the 25-year men. They are from left to right, C. F. Johnson, Sundown district gauger, T-NMPLC; W. E. Erwin, Mabee Ranch, field clerk; O. Coffey, Crane, production foreman; J. H. Massey, Mabee Ranch, district well shooter, and B. A. Kelly, Midland, assistant district warehouse man. A. E. (Bert) Warner of Midland, district warehouse man, and a 37-year Texaco employee was chairman of arrangements for the banquet and presided at the meeting. All persons shown in the pictures are with the Texas Company, except those designated as T-NMPLC employees.

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"THE SNOOPER STORY"

A short time ago, the Saturday evening Post printed an article called "The Federal Snoops Are After Me," written by Robinson McIlvaine, publisher of the Downingtown, Pa. Archive. Mr. McIlvaine and his wife had bought this little weekly paper on the proverbial sneering, and were getting along nicely until a representative of the Wage and Hour Division of the Federal government appeared with a long bill of particulars of unfair practices which the publisher had unwittingly committed. Mr. McIlvaine has since followed up the Post piece with a further recital of events which he printed in his paper. It all amounts to an interesting, first-hand account of how Federal laws whose intent is perfectly good, can be carried to extremes of interpretation which makes them almost incredibly onerous to business—and especially small business.

Newspapers of less than 4,000 circulation are exempt from the Wages and Hours Act, and Mr. McIlvaine assumed that his Archive, with a circulation of about 1,600, naturally fell into this category. However, it seemed that the printing end of the paper had been set up as a separate corporation, and this legal quirk brought it within the scope of the law. Mr. McIlvaine didn't think he was engaged in interstate commerce, either. But he was wrong again—simply because he printed letterheads for firms which mail letters out of the state!

That was only the beginning of the troubles. It had been a common practice for years for groups of people, old and young, to drop in at the little plant each Wednesday evening and fold the papers for mailing next day. They earned a little money and they had a lot of fun. But, according to the Wages and Hours agent, each one would henceforth have to have a time card, a social security card, and all kinds of records would have to be kept. Result: Mr. McIlvaine, who was already heavily in debt, borrowed more money on his remaining assets and bought a press which mechanically folds the papers.

Some time later the Wage and Hour people moved again. Mr. McIlvaine was ordered to pay \$744.25 in back wages, which he didn't have. Of this, \$156 was to go to the foreman. The foreman, incidentally, had been paid a straight \$80 a week, with paid vacation, and had been away two more weeks because of sickness. So he had already received \$320 for time he had been absent. But he got the additional \$156!

Most amazing of all, \$582 of the back wages to the Wage and Hour division had to be paid to himself! Apparently he had been taking out less than the proper salary and that just wasn't legal.

Mr. McIlvaine cites more instances of this sort, and observes that the Archive's dossier at the Wage and Hour office "is now about 15 inches thick and it would be hard to estimate how many of our tax dollars were spent on this investigation." In all probability, thousands of little businesses have found themselves involved in similar predicaments. The big business, with its legal and accounting departments, can take the huge mass of laws and rulings and bureaucratic practices pretty much in stride. The small operation, on the other hand, takes the beating.

NO NEED TO RUSH FOR NOON DAY MEALS

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IRAAN, TEXAS

Prison Rodeo To Show At State Fair Park In Dallas, June 3-10

Advance mail orders for tickets to the original Texas Prison Rodeo are being accepted now by the State Fair of Texas. James H. Stewart, vice president and general manager, has announced. The famous rodeo, roughest, toughest show of its kind in the world, will come direct from Huntsville to play an eight-night stand at the State Fair Grandstand, June 3-10.

Four guard towers have been constructed at the four corners of the grounds on which the Fair Park Picnic Pavilion is located. The Pavilion, to be surrounded by a ten-foot fence, will house inmate performers, musicians, and cooks during the rodeo.

Mail order tickets should be accompanied by check or money order, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. They should be addressed to: Rodeo Box Office, P. O. Box 7755, Dallas, Texas.

Ticket prices for the rodeo are as follows: Box Seats, \$3.60; reserved seats, \$2.40; general admission, \$1.80.

The State Fair has already received a heavy demand for tickets. One of the first orders was for a block of 50 reserved seats for opening night of the rodeo. The downtown box office will open May 15.

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SHEFFIELD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sandel had as their guests Sunday, Mr. Sandel's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellington and daughter, Lilla Jean of Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise Owens of Ozona were Sheffield visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of Iraan were Sheffield visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hale went to San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Woodward accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burch Woodward and daughters of McCamey were in Sheffield Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Watts is ill in the St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Mrs. H. L. Sandel who has been ill in the Iraan Hospital has been returned to her home.

Mrs. Tom Holmes is ill in the Fort Stockton hospital.

Mrs. Mamie Holmes has as her guests this week her daughter, Mrs. Milam Northcutt and her granddaughter, Mrs. Mansfield

and her great granddaughter, Billie Jean Mansfield of Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sandel have as their guests their daughter and grand daughter, Mrs. Gayland Casey and Sandra. Mrs. Casey Sandra will remain here until their husband and father, Capt. Gayland Casey who has been transferred to Ogden, Utah finds living quarters for them.

San Angelo visitors this week include Mr. and Mrs. John Carson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Holmes, Mrs. Charlie Hale, Mrs. Bill Maddox, Mrs. Amos Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Show, Mrs. Jeff Owens, Mrs. Gayland Casey, Mrs. H. B. Sandel, and Miss Betty Jo McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Noelke.

H. C. Noelke and Bill Deno who attended the horse show in San Angelo this week.

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They're all important—yet the plain truth is no one of these things—or two or three—gives a ride you can truly call "unruffled."

We feel it takes all of them—springs, tires, shock absorbers, drive, engine mountings—carefully and precisely brought into balance with each other.

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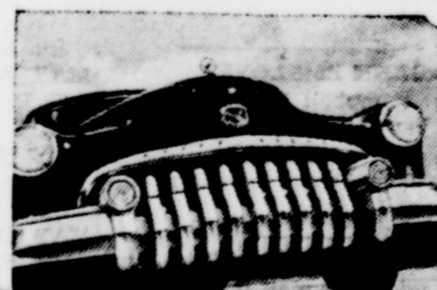
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**Iraanites' Relatives
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 In Truck-Train Wreck**

Mr. and Mrs. Leodis Gilbert were called away last week when Mrs. Gilbert's uncle and nephew were killed in a truck-train collision in Houston. Both were killed instantly when their loaded cattle truck was struck by a train at a Houston switch crossing. The victims of the crash were Wash McDaniel and Edward Spencer. Services for Spencer were held on Sunday at the Island Cemetery at Midway, Texas, in Madison County. The following day services were held for McDaniel at Two Mile Cemetery at Leona, Texas, in Leon County.

SOLID SOUTH'S SAYING
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**"Splash Day" To Open
 Gulf Summer Season
 In Galveston May 7**

"Splash Day" in Galveston, May 7, at which time formal opening of the summer season is celebrated, tends to be one of the high points of this resort area, according to advice just received by John Rosser of Trans-Texas Airways.

King Neptune, the famous character from beneath the ocean waves, goes modern, for this year he will make his appearance by helicopter, and he will make quite a splash as he is welcomed officially by "Miss Flying Saucer of 1950" and "Miss Splash Day" among a number of famous personalities at Stewart Beach at 2:00 p.m.

Immediately after arrival of King Neptune, jet planes along with many other types of aircraft will stage an air show until 4:30 p.m.

And this year over 500 different individual prizes will be awarded to the ones who present a cork fished from the ocean waves after being dropped from an airplane as it circles the famous 20-mile Galveston beach.

Forty-two bands, a fiddlers jamboree, followed by fireworks and a square dance at Pleasure Pier will complete the noon to midnight festive occasion.

Trans-Texas Airways reduced fares to Galveston will attract many people throughout Texas, and will put Galveston only "minutes" away from many of these areas. The round-trip fare from McCamey via Trans-Texas is \$58.30.

**MIDLAND
 MARKET REPORT**

Eight hundred cattle were received and sold at Midland's weekly livestock sale Thursday, April 27. The auction run included all classes but very few choice kinds were offered.

The market was steady with the week before and fairly active. Fat calves and yearlings went to \$27.50 but most sold for \$23 to \$25. Common and medium calves and yearlings were \$19.50 to \$23. Medium cows brought \$16.50 to \$18.50. Caners and cutters moved at \$12.50 to \$16.50 and bad-eyes and shells were lower.

Good bulls were bid from \$19 to \$21.50; common and mediums \$17.50 to \$19.50. Stocker steer calves auctioned at \$26 to \$28.50 and stocker heifer calves at \$24 to \$27.50.

Billy Bryant of Midland got \$28.50 for twenty-two mixed calves that weighed an average of 368 pounds. Ell Long of Monahans sold 15 cows with 10 baby calves at side for \$180 a head. Joe Moulton of San Angelo received \$194.50 for 13 cows with 13 calves. Apparently not superstitious, Moulton then offered 13 cows alone and got \$153 a head for them.

A group of 35 steer yearlings brought \$25.10 and another package of 36 were bid to \$25.60. Both were in the 500 pound class. One cow and calf pair sold for \$300.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dukess spent last week in Monahans and Eastland. Mrs. Dukess visited her sister in Monahans and her mother, Mrs. Nellie Pate, in Eastland. Mr. Dukess was in Gorman on business. On their return to Iraan, Mr. Dukess is on relief duty at the Ozona Station.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Aishman were San Angelo visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Plumlee and son, Jimmy, were Iraan visitors last Friday.

**Judge Paul Moss Plans
 Visit In Area During
 Campaign Next Week**

ODESSA—Carrying his campaign for Congress directly to the people, District Judge Paul Moss of Odessa today prepared to make his second major tour of cities in the 16th Congressional District.

Last week, Judge Moss visited Balmorhea, Toyahvale, Valentine, Fort Davis, Marfa and Alpine.

At each place he talked with business men, chatted with housewives, and exchanged greetings with passersby.

Next week he plans a trip that will carry him to Fort Stockton, Marathon, Sanderson, Sheffield, Llan, and McCamey.

"I want to meet as many people as I possibly can in every city and town in this district," Judge Moss said.

"I want to know them personally. That is the only way any man can know their problems and represent them properly at Washington.

Judge Moss made his trip last week by automobile.

At Balmorhea, he again pledged himself to support a broadened soil conservation program, and to follow "A middle of the road policy in government."

"We cannot turn back from the atomic age to the horse and buggy days of government," he told a group of listeners.

"We must meet scientific and industrial progress with a program of sound government in keeping with the times."

"I don't think an extreme liberal policy is the safest course. But I am equally opposed to following the path of reaction and Republicanism."

Not once did Judge Moss mention his chief opponent, Congressman Ken Regan, whom he branded last week as "a Republican."

At Fort Davis Judge Moss confined his activities to personal visits.

But at Valentine, he appeared before approximately 50 Southern Pacific workers who were leaving a safety meeting in the railroad yards.

There he repeated his stand in favor of a program of governmental progress, and pledged

himself to support adequate national defense.

While visiting with Marfa friends, he promised to "work with full vigor" to balance the national budget.

In each community Judge Moss

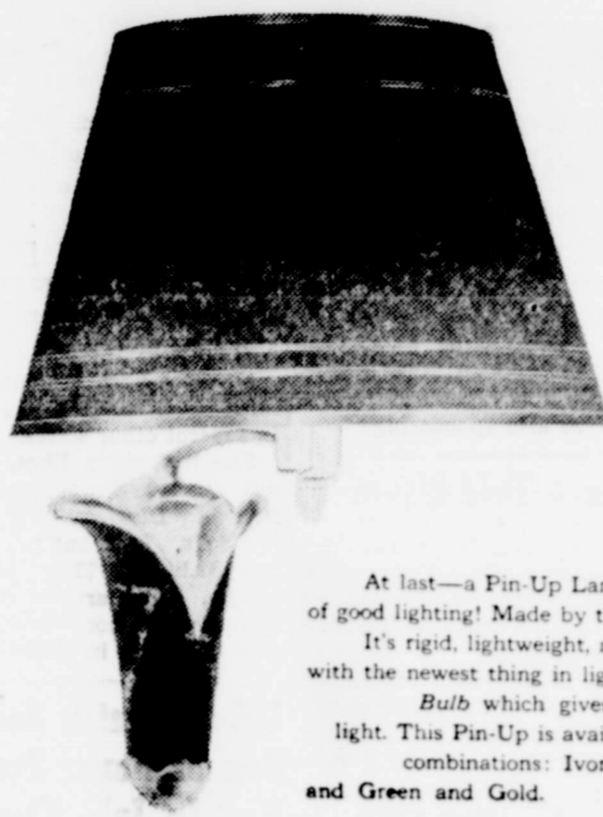
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—already setting a pace in the campaign—drew a tremendous response.

"I believe we are gaining strength all of the time," he said.

"I believe our program is sound—the kind the people of the 16th District want."

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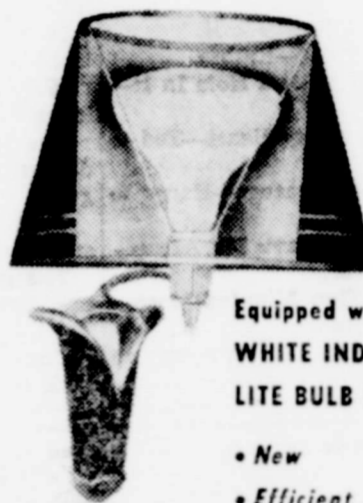
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STAFF

Senior Play To Be Given Sat., May 13th

On May 13, the senior class will present their play. The name of it is Beacon Hill Billy. The characters are:

Mrs. Winthrop Bean—Joveta Yocham.
Eula Winthrop Beane—Marjorie White.
Norris Winthrop Beane—Don Still.
Allen Keley—Jimmy Workman.
Aunt Lucky—Imogene Sanders.
Billy Hill—Ruthie Elliott.
Winnie Mae Hanks—Winnie Ellis Kidd.
Struthers—Ted Yocham.
Tessie—Virginia Godsy.
Jack—Peet McEwen.

THE HIT PARADE

I'll Sail My Ship Alone—Carolyn and Mack.
Wedding Bells—Carolyn and Betty Sue.
I'll Love You Always—Betty Sue to Bobby Wyatt.
Feuding, Fighting and Fussing—Joy and Bill.
Broken Down Merry-Go-Round—Marjorie to Virginia.
Always—Wilma to J. D.
Lovesick Blues—Ruthie.
My Bucket's Got a Hole in It—Don S.
Humpty Dumpty Heart—Ted to his car.
I Love You Because—Harry to Wanda.
Love Me or Leave Me Alone—Sue to Grover.
Give Me Five Minutes More—Marlene to Red.
I'll Be Seeing You—Virginia to Fields.

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The May Queen Race Opens With Contest To Close May 16th

The senior class is sponsoring a contest for May Queen. Each class is to select a girl to be their high school entry in the contest. Penny votes will be used. The contest will end on May 16 during the amateur show that the seniors are also sponsoring.

Someone Told Me—

There is going to be a Junior-Senior banquet Saturday. Joveta hasn't been getting enough letters from J. P. How about it, Joveta?
Ruthie has her hands full these last few days. Full of pictures. Weldon has a new girl friend. Imogene has a beautiful new watch.
Lucille had better watch the highway cops.
H. E. II girls had just better learn not to laugh.
Wilma's in love with J. D. It looks it.
The third study hall was sure different without the eighth grade.
That Norman, Bruce, Chock and Harley went to Midland.
The girls were getting volleyball jackets.
Common cork is made from the bark of a species of oak.

Student Of The Week

Have you seen that cute little freshman girl running around? Well, she is none other than Carolyn Robinson.

She was elected by the class as Freshman Duchess and her escort was Wallace Gary. She was also class favorite.

She was born in Seminole, Oklahoma. Since then she has lived in several other states.

She has many likes, but here are just a few: sewing, Mrs. Schmidt, Dick and Norman, and hot dogs. Last but not least are her dislikes. They are snotty people, Joe Garner's stupidity, and of course homework, and that silly old dress in Homemake.

Cahal Clinton Seeks Commissioner Pre. 4 Post In July Election

Cahal Clinton, resident of of McCamey for the past eight years, announced his candidacy for Commissioner, Precinct 4, this week.

Mr. Clinton is owner and manager of the Red Front Grocery, and is married and has one child in the McCamey schools.

He is active in civic organizations, being a charter member of both the McCamey Chamber of Commerce and the Upton County Sheriff's Posse. At the present time, he is president of the Sheriff's Posse and the McCamey Country Club. He is also a member of the McCamey Volunteer Fire Department.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church.

In making his announcement, Mr. Clinton stated that he felt qualified to help direct the administrative affairs of the county, and would handle all affairs in a fair and impartial manner. He pledged cooperation with other county agencies to extend and improve county roads, and devote all time necessary in carrying out the obligations of the office.

He asked the consideration of voters in the precinct at this time and stated he planned to contact each voter personally before the July primary to discuss his candidacy for the position.

The average citizen should be the one most concerned about forestry. He is the ultimate purchaser of lumber and the other products of trees.

Balsa, one of the world's lightest woods, was named from the Spanish word meaning raft.

Political Announcements

Charges for publication in this column of The Rankin News:
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Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 22, 1950.

For U. S. Representative, 16th Congressional District:

PAUL MOSS
FRED HERVEY
KEN REGAN

For District Judge, 112th District:

GARLAND CASEBIER
For County and District Clerk:

RALPH H. DAUGHERTY
(Re-Election)

For County Judge:

G. H. "Bud" FISHER
For Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Collector:

H. E. "Gene" ECKOLS
(Re-Election)

For County Attorney:

JOHN A. MENEFFEE
(Re-Election)

For County Treasurer:

MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS
(Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Prec. 1:

SAM HOLMES
(Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Prec. 2:

W. J. PRICE
(Re-Election)
J. T. JAMES
D. O. McEWEN
J. C. CARROLL



WHAT'S A TRILLION

When I was a schoolboy in Oklahoma I interlarded my scholastic education with seasonal jobs on my father's place and on neighboring farms. The neighboring farmers paid well. My earnings weren't large but in those days a dollar, to an Oklahoma schoolboy, was a tidy sum. And the actual earning of dollars helped me in my arithmetic studies. Both at school and at work as a farm hand, I learned to have great respect for any such sum as \$100. That amount of cash savings started me through my first year at college. I did odd jobs on the campus to earn the remaining cost.

A dollar was valued by an Oklahoma farm boy of 1920 as representing approximately the energy it took to plow an acre of land with a one-horse plow. That made it pretty valuable. I guess that's why my school teacher had some difficulty getting me to comprehend the huge figure 1,000,000. It took a lively imagination to visualize 1,000,000 robust young farmers strung out across the land, all plowing away at their acre. The line would, in fact, be 41,667 miles long and would reach just about twice around the globe at the Equator.

A BILLION IS BIG

I'd been out of college several years when we Americans first began to hear vague talk in terms of "billions." To have to wrap my plowing farmers around and around the globe enough times to represent \$1,000,000,000 in expended energy was much too much. I had to find some other measuring device. Of course, our arithmetic had taught that a billion was (awesomely) a thousand million! But it required a number of years for me to get any real understanding of the meaning of \$1,000,000,000.

A "billion" still whistles off my tongue accompanied by awe. And just as I'm getting use to the idea of using the term, I've been obliged to go back to my arithmetic book looking for another word. I haven't found mention of it in my arithmetic. It's to be found only in higher mathematics and, it isn't explained in down-to-earth terms. However, I've got to tackle it. The word is—"trillion."

DIVING INTO A TRILLION

A trillion is, we know, a thousand billion; and a billion is a thousand million; and a million is a thousand thousand; and a thousand is—well, a thousand is a thousand times one of those long-ago extinct things I used to get for plowing an acre of land in Oklahoma. But a man with a plow is much too small a denominator in this problem.

So: If you were to drive from New York to Los Angeles and then turn right around and return to New York, you could perform the feat 166,000,000 times before you would have driven a trillion miles. We think of a second as something fleeting, so short a fragment of time it doesn't show on the face of most clocks. Yet, since a date so far removed as 500 B.C., only about one-tenth of a trillion seconds have ticked off in that recorded time.

A DANGEROUS TRILLION

The new postage machine in our mailing department at Harding stamps 1,000 envelopes per hour. If we never gave the machine a rest, we'd have to run it on a 24-hour shift for 114,155 years (not days!) to stamp a trillion envelopes. If, a century ago, the value of all the personal property, the assessed value of mineral, water and timber resources and manufactured goods, plus the savings and bank accounts of all the people in the United States had been converted to dollars, it would have totaled only 1-2 of 1 per cent of a trillion.

And, lastly, if all this seems silly, perhaps it is. But maybe it isn't. I've taken this flight with astronomical figures because, as a tax paying citizen watching the growth of the federal government I've found that the need has arrived for the understanding what a trillion is. Our national

"Attempt Murder" Charge Filed In Crane Wrist Slashing

Leon E. Cottle, 44, was charged with assault with intent to murder in the Justice Court in Crane on Tuesday afternoon after he and his paralytic son, Bud, were found in a pasture about 11 miles south-west of Crane with wrists of both Mr. Cottle and his son slashed with a razor blade.

The hearing for Cottle will be held as soon as he is able to appear in the court room. Both are hospitalized in the Crane Memorial Hospital where they were brought by Jerry Cowden who found them sitting in a pick-up owned by Cottle in his pasture. Both had lost a considerable amount of blood. The left wrist had deep single cuts but the right wrist of Bud had a multiple cut that severed a tendon. On Mr. Cottle's right wrist the slashes had been deeper and more of them and four tendons were severed. Both were given transfusions and Bud is recovering swiftly. Mr. Cottle's condition was reported to be "fair."

Mr. Cottle, a graduate of Howard Payne College has a son, Kenneth, 18, who is a pre-med student in John Tarleton College and also a daughter, 11 who spends the winter months with her mother who has been separated from Cottle for about six years and has re-married and lives in Brady.

Mr. Cottle is employed by the El Paso Natural Gas Company and has a debt of \$256,000,000,000 and is increasing rapidly. It is referred to, correctly, as the "quarter trillion dollar" debt. All of us need to recognize the full significance of such an incredibly large indebtedness. It is gravely dangerous. Millions of people must expend years of unrewarded hard work to pay it. In fact 1,000,000 people, earning \$50 a week, would have to work 100 years and turn over their total income to liquidate it if the government were, tomorrow, to end forever its deficit spending.

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and although he is away from the home for approximately 11 hours a working day, he has the complete care of the boy, who is paralyzed from the waist down. He provides the boy with a radio and typewriter as well as reading material to entertain him during the hours Mr. Cottle is at work.

Cottle was implicated in a motor accident in Odessa in December, when his truck struck a man riding a motorcycle. He was placed under bond on December 11, 1949 for negligent homicide and bond made. Later the charge was changed to assault with a motor vehicle. This charge seemed to be pressing on Cottle's mind for he appeared at the office of M. E. Lear, Sheriff of Crane County at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning and asked to relieve his bondsman and be locked in the jail.

Mr. Lear contacted the sheriff's department of Ector County and they in turn contacted the bondsman who said he was not willing to withdraw from the bond so Mr. Lear had no charges to hold Mr. Cottle.

Immediately after this Mr. Cottle loaded the boy in the pick-

up and drove to the place where the assault was committed. Relatives from Rochelle, Texas, arrived Wednesday afternoon to assist Mr. Cottle and his son.

La Gloria Clear Fork Strike In Pecos Pumps 97 Barrels

Pumping 97 barrels of 28.3 gravity oil plus 1.9 per cent water La Gloria No. 1 Sullivan in Pecos County near Girvin has been completed as a Clear Fork strike. Production was through casing perforations from 3,085 to 3,122 feet, which had been acidized 500 gallons. Total depth was 4,400 feet.

The Clear Fork was topped at 3,030 feet on elevation of 2,200 feet. No. 1 Arthur A. Sullivan and Paul Sullivan is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 68-11-H&GN. The Clear Fork strike is about two miles south and slightly east of the same operator's No. 1 Mrs. Laverne L. Cresse, discovery Simpson producer in northern Pecos County.

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- Member of the National Finance Committee of the Democratic Party in 1948.
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